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### **OAK HILL EMPLOYEE INDUCTED INTO THE SUSAN M. DANIELS DISABILITY MENTORING HALL OF FAME**

*Steve Famiglietti, Blind Services Vocational Manager at Oak Hill recognized in Washington, D.C. for his work as a mentor and role model for hundreds with blindness or visual impairments.*

**Hartford, C.T.** - Steve Famiglietti, Manager of Blind Vocational Services, at Oak Hill was recently inducted into the Susan M. Daniels Disability Mentoring Hall of Fame through The National Disability Mentoring Coalition (NDMC). NDMC aims to raise awareness about the importance and impact of mentoring in the lives of people with disabilities and to increase the number and quality of disability mentoring programs around the country.

NDMC named several individuals nationwide as inductees into the Susan M. Daniels Disability Mentoring Hall of Fame. Steve was inducted based on his ability to act as a capable and strong mentor who works with hundreds of individuals with blindness or visual impairments. He spends 20 to 30 hours with each client to get them where they need to be. Steve, who has worked at Oak Hill for over a decade, manages the *Eleanor A. Brooks Blindness Related Supports program*, is legally blind and is therefore uniquely positioned to provide the best possible information and support, because he uses these tools himself.

“My hope is to always find a story or situation from my past that can inspire someone else to take risks and to not be afraid of their situation so that they can make the best of their life,” says Famiglietti.

Steve provides remote computer training and equipment maintenance, which allows him to reach people who have limited mobility or those who face transportation challenges. Assistive technology has a tremendous impact on the lives of those with disabilities, and allows access to these tools that can be the lifeline that helps someone learn, get a job, or keep their job. Steve works with people in all realms, but the main areas of impact have been education and employment.

“We are so proud of Steve,” said Oak Hill’s President & CEO, Barry Simon. “Steve is dedicated and passionate about his program. Always going above and beyond to ensure that he meets the needs of his clients. Assisting them to conquer challenges and overcome obstacles. He is incredibly deserving of this award.”

**About Oak Hill:** Oak Hill is Connecticut's largest private provider for people with disabilities, working to break down barriers to independence for the past 125 years. Oak Hill's mission is to set the standard, partnering with people with disabilities, to provide services and solutions promoting independence, education, health and dignity. Oak Hill programs support people of all ages, for all levels of need. For up-to-date information about Oak Hill, please visit [OakHillCT.org](http://OakHillCT.org), [www.facebook.com/CIBOakHill](http://www.facebook.com/CIBOakHill), and on Twitter at @OakHillCT. Oak Hill is a IRS recognized 501(c)(3) organization.